

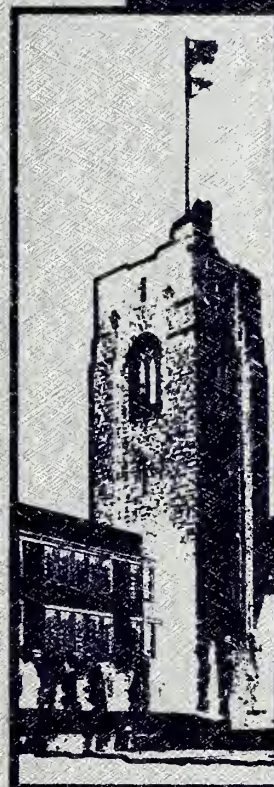
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As we welcome a new year to Westminster's campus, many of us think back to our first experiences at Mother Fair. We remember our Fresh Start orientation, the new friends, and the first day of class. We wonder where the time has gone. Has it really been that long since we first left our families to find our own paths here at Westminster?

So much has changed since we first stepped onto New Wilmington soil. This year we have no January Term to look forward to or to party away. The curriculum has been completely overhauled, and we anxiously wait to see how it will affect each of us. People have changed since we first arrived. We won't be able to grow from the teachings of Dr. Peter Macky, who passed away last year. Many of the friends that we made in those first few weeks of college have chosen different paths than our own, and we wonder when we lost touch. Each of us has changed and grown through the people we have encountered and the experiences that Westminster has offered us.

And time marches on. . .

For each of us this means something different. For the seniors it marks a glorious and terrifying time of endings and beginnings. Juniors will begin to look past Old Main's tower and toward where their futures could take them. Sophomores will revel in the fact that they are no longer the babies on campus and will use this knowledge to explore the broadening world around them. As for the First Year students, they will embark, if not tentatively, on a journey of amazing proportions, as they search for themselves and their places in a brand new place full of brand new people.

These are exciting and sometimes scary times for all of us, but we face them with the dignity and strength that we have learned as Westminster students. We look forward to the year and all it holds with the curiosity and excitement as only we can. We promise to make the most of the time that we have been given.





I had nothing but my locker number and the name of my homeroom teacher as I began my high school career back in the fall of 1993. I spent the next four years working my way up to the coveted status of high school senior, only now to find myself right back where I started. This time, however, the change involved more than just memorizing a new locker combination. As a college freshmen, a.k.a. first year student, I am forced to either spread my wings and fly or be pushed out of the nest. As always, the upperclassmen never fail to remind us of our position among the flock.

The passage of time has matured my friends and myself in ways we never thought imaginable. Although it was only a few short months, the summer of '97 allowed us to prepare for the many changes ahead. As I packed my treasured belongings and said good-bye to friends and family, I looked with uncertainty toward my Amish-infested days at Westminster.

Change is never easy, but I have discovered that time has no intentions of standing still while I struggle to fit in. Although our five day Fresh Start orientation seemed to last forever, Christmas Break really came before any of us realized that we were working our way through our first semester at college. With the passage of time I have learned to party, to e-mail, and even to digest the dining hall cuisine. As time continues to move me along, I realize that I will be an alumni of Westminster College before I know it. Here's to the next four years!





I am now an official sophomore at Westminster, and so far it has been awesome. I can vividly recall how I cried and cried last year when my parents dropped me off for Fresh Start to fend for myself in New Wilmington. I never thought that I would miss my irritating siblings and my parents' constant badgering.

But I grew up a great deal last year as an individual. This year, I could not wait to come back to school and my freedom. Now my family practically has to beg me to come home for a weekend. I still miss them, but I have come to enjoy and crave the freedom that college life provides. As they say, once you have experienced something you like, you miss it when you don't have it.

In two years and eight months I will be forced out into the real world. This is very frightening to me considering that my field of interest, psychology, is becoming a difficult field to break into successfully. More and more I am finding that it is very hard to find a good job with a degree in psychology. I am now facing the decision of whether or not I should change my major or keep it and hope for the best.

Well, the real world is approaching, and I have a lot of concerns about my life after college. I can only hope that I can figure out a way to achieve my dreams despite the odds against me. And I can hope that my friends from college will always remain close to me. Also, I hope that my family will continue to support me wherever life may take me. May I have the drive and heart to pursue my dreams during my college years. But right now, I just want to enjoy my friends and my life as a college student. After all, these are the best years of my life.





It is the beginning of my junior year at Westminster, and there is so much to think about. The time has just been flying. The first half of my college career has whizzed by in a flurry of first day jitters and homesick blues. I am sure that the second half will be more future-oriented, and that my jitters and blues will stem from the uncertainty of the future and the burden of the responsibilities that accompany independence. I am grateful that I can worry about these things from the comfort of my dorm room, surrounded by a readily available support system of friends and advisors. It is nice to know that I am buffered by the security of another two years at Westminster.

This year I expect to grapple with a great many decisions concerning internships and leadership positions. The choices that I make will have a profound effect on my life after graduation. By the end of the year I will have made several life altering decisions, ones that I cannot bring myself to think about at this point in the year.

But I refuse to let my junior year be all work and no play, especially with so much to look forward to. I am anticipating my 21st birthday, that rite of passage into adulthood and legality. And I will begin work on my Honors Project, an independent statement of my intelligence and creativity. Although this sits more toward the work side of the spectrum, I am keeping an open mind and hoping for a little divine inspiration. In the meantime, I will continue to sing in the choirs, to play instruments in the bands, to show our campus to prospective students, to attend plays, lectures, and concerts, and to fully take advantage of all the opportunities available to me as a Westminster student while I still can.





It doesn't seem like such a long time ago that strange people in matching T-shirts were carrying my refrigerator and the boxes containing my high school life up the stairs to my new dorm room. Now I have to think that in just eight months I will be carrying all of that stuff back down those same stairs, and I won't be coming back in the fall.

Whenever someone would ask me this past summer in what year of school I was, I would reply, "Senior! I'm almost done!" I remember saying it with such glee that it sounded as if I was fully confident about what was ahead for me. It didn't really hit me until I came back to campus that I was a senior. This would be my last time moving into a dorm, the last time I would fill out one of those annoying room contracts, and the last first day of classes.

Many more "lasts" are ahead of me this year. My last pick-up day, my last Volleyrock, my last Down Under concert, my last mixer. Fortunately, I can also look forward to my last Marriott meal, my last final, and my last shower with shoes.

When I was a sophomore in high school, the seniors looked so old to me. Now I see high school seniors and think, that was me four years ago? Did I look that young?

I hope that during this last year of my organized education I will be able to answer some of the many questions surrounding my future. Do I want to relocate? Do I want to work in a big city or a small town? Will I be getting married soon? The grown-up fantasies I used to dream about as a child are now the realities right around the corner. That is a difficult pill to swallow.

As a freshman, everyone told me to enjoy these years because they would be the best of my life, and the shortest. At the time I just smiled and kept moving. I had all the time in the world, right? Well, now I realize just how right they were.







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Hill Retires

After serving the Westminster community for 24 years, Dr. Eugene Hill, professor of education, will be retiring.

When he first came to this campus, Dr. Hill had one goal in mind, "to become a part of one of the best teacher's education programs."



Dr. Hill does not believe that he has encountered any obstacles throughout his career. "Westminster is an open place where teacher education is valued." This program is "well-respected, and the people here are extremely helpful and friendly."

Throughout his career, Dr. Hill has created many wonderful memories. But the ones that he will treasure forever are the letters that he has received from former students. Students will often write back to tell Dr. Hill about how they have encountered something in the real world that they learned about in one of Dr. Hill's classes. These letters let Dr. Hill know that he has accomplished the mission and goal of every professor - he has enriched the life of another human being.



Academic Affairs



Admissions Office

Audio-Visual Department

Hendry Retires

Devoting 41 years of his life to education, 39 of them spent at Westminster, Dr. Dick Hendry has decided to retire from the chemistry department. Dr. Hendry has been a staple of the chemistry department, teaching biochem and organic chemistry to legions of students.

Dr. Hendry says he decided to teach as a senior in



college because he saw the profession as a worthy Christian calling and a way to advance his love of chemistry.

In his 39 years at Westminster, Dr. Hendry has watched the campus grow and change. When he arrived in 1959, Shaw Hall was under construction, and he taught in TCE. Even as the campus changed, though, he says he "always found the students courteous and enjoyable to work with." One of his biggest accomplishments in the early years was working to have the chemistry program recognized by the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Hendry says he will miss the student contact, saying that you never forget about your field, but that his retirement plans include staying in touch with the Westminster community, rediscovering some of his favorite experiments, and volunteering.



Business Office



Career Center



Development Division

Clusters

Along with all of the other changes to the Westminster curriculum, WC has introduced 'Cluster courses.' These are two classes from two different disciplines which are linked together by a common thread; however the classes are taught as two separate courses. These clusters are taught by two different professors from different disciplines who work together on the course content. The main goal of



these cluster courses is to allow students to discover how two seemingly unrelated disciplines can be interrelated.

Students have mixed reactions about the clusters. One student enrolled in the Evolution cluster being taught by Dr. Wastvedt and Dr. Compher said that she can see how the subjects of biology and English are related, especially "... how biology has an influence on literature, rather than literature having an influence on biology." But other students simply feel that the College is reaching by trying to combine disciplines that do not ordinarily work together.

Examples of clusters currently being offered include: Studies in French literature and culture, Neural Networks, African American history, and Public policy. In order to get the full effect of the cluster, students must enter each course with an open mind, ready to look at things in a new light. Clusters are a fascinating addition to the new curriculum.





Physical Plant - Crafts



Economics and Business



Information Systems

Stepping Aside

As a physical education instructor, coach of the men's cross country team, and head coach of the men's basketball team, Dr. Ron Galbreath's friendly and outgoing personality has touched many students and faculty here at Westminster.

"I feel that at my age, it is time to move on to new challenges," said Coach Galbreath about his decision to retire as head coach of the



men's basketball team. "God has richly blessed me by giving me the opportunity to work at Westminster and to lead the Titan basketball program all these years. I am proud of my association with Westminster and feel privileged to continue serving the College in a different capacity."

With an overall record of 448-206, Galbreath is the winningest coach in College history. As a player under legendary coach Buzz Ridl, Galbreath was a two-time All-American and scored 1586 career points, the third highest career scoring total in Titan history. As a coach, he has been named district/conference Coach of the Year on six occasions, named Pittsburgh Press Coach of the Year in 1987, and is a member of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

President Williamson said of Galbreath, "He is truly a class act. We will miss him at the helm of the Titan basketball program." Galbreath says he will miss the position, which he describes as being "easy to love and hard to give up," but after 25 years, he feels ready to move on to new challenges.





Physical Plant - Grounds



Physical Plant - Custodial



Physical Plant - Managerial Team

New In Art

According to the Mission Statement for the Department of Fine Arts, their goal is to help students enhance and make use of their creativity and to balance the connections between the fine arts curriculum and that of the College's core curriculum. In order to stay current with that charge, the department has developed three newly offered interdisciplinary majors that stress the importance of acquiring a variety of skills and perspectives in order to enhance students'



creative and intellectual abilities.

These new majors combine different disciplines in order to make the arts more accessible to the business world. The Visual Arts Management combines art, public relations, and business classes and includes a semester at the American University in Washington D.C.'s Museum Studies program. The Visual Arts Communications major blends graphic design, multimedia, computer animation, photography, and video along with public relations and broadcast communications classes and a year spent at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. The third program, Visual Arts Technologies, combines the fine arts and broadcast communications for the latest in artistic technology.

With the addition of these new majors, the Department has made the art major a more viable option for students interested in pursuing the arts in nontraditional ways, thus enabling students to explore their creative sides while still keeping up with the new business trends in the arts.

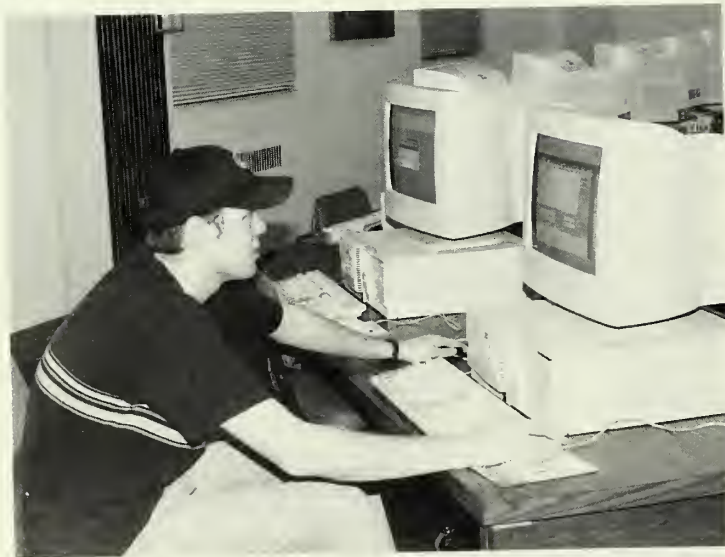




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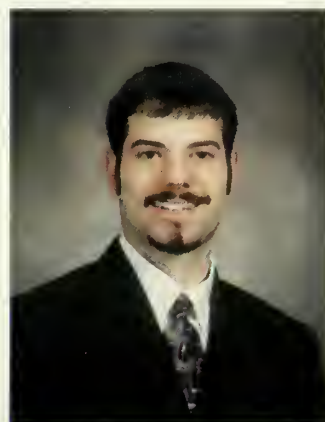
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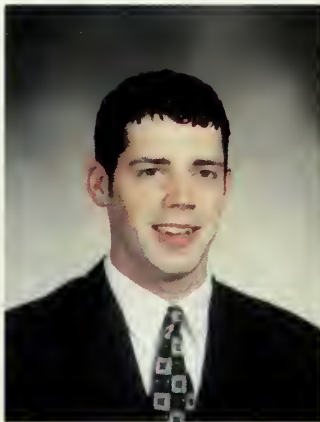
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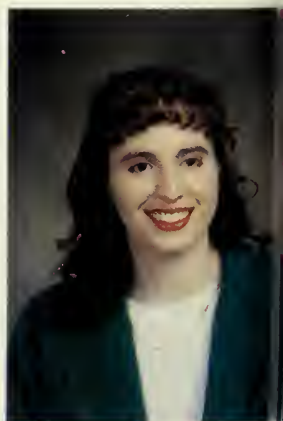
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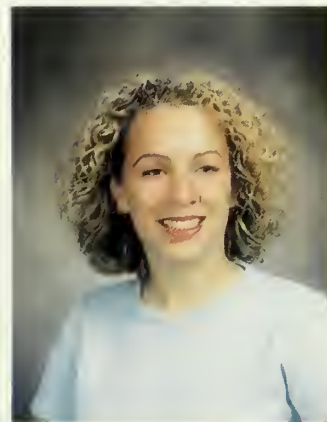
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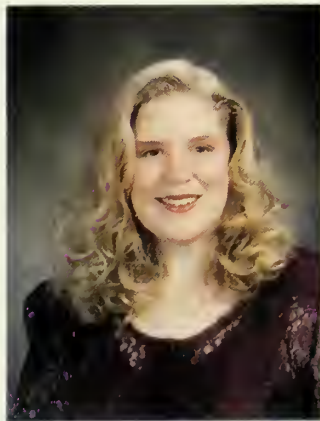
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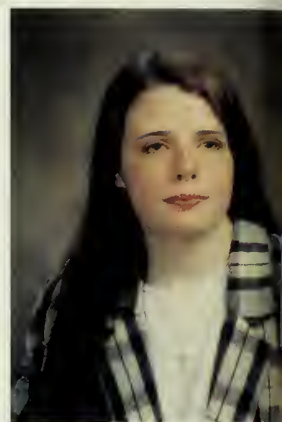
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*In Memoriam
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"Becky was a tremendous woman who greatly influenced and brightened our lives. She inspired each of us to be our personal best. Becky's joyous laugh and her happy heart will be missed by many. It is up to us to preserve her peaceful revelations, spiritual enlightenment, and voluntary simplicity. Weezie would not want us to mourn her departure but rather continue her unselfish legacy."

--Coby Baker and Sarah Boyle





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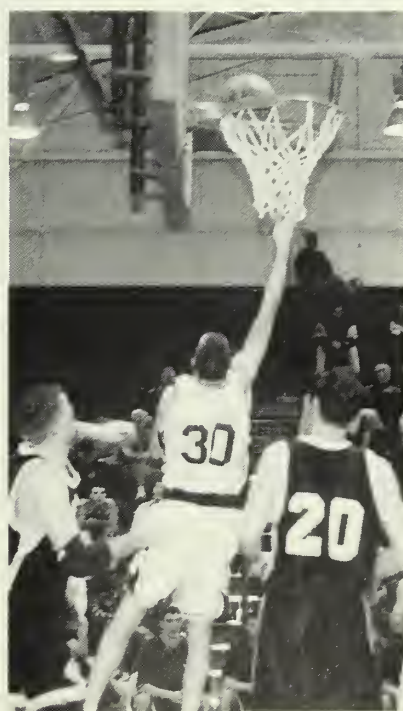
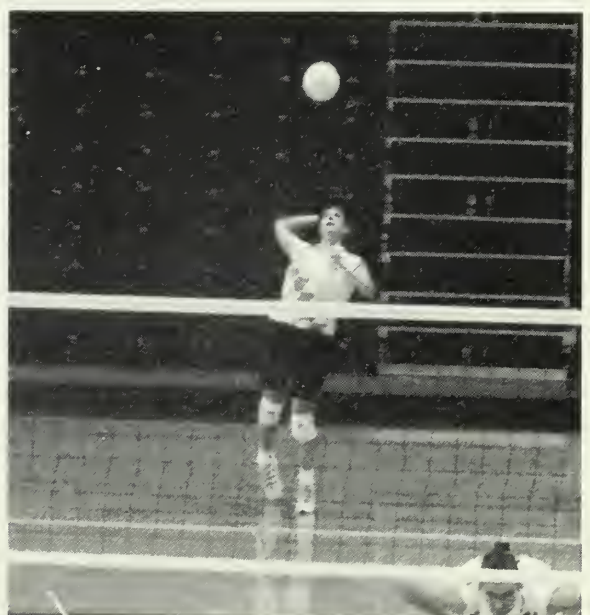


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Cross country races and men's soccer games brought in the loyal Titan fans, who were never disappointed by their teams.



Westminster's cross country teams for both men and women are earning a reputation for determination and perseverance. Not even the rain can stop the race.





Westminster has a strong winning tradition which was exemplified by this year's 9-1 football season.



Westminster offers a wide variety of sports for its students ranging from men's varsity football to women's soccer, which will earn varsity status in the coming academic year.

Football

The Titan football team proved once again that they are a force to be reckoned with. Coach Gene Nicholson started his seventh season with 12 starters and 33 lettermen returning to the field. The Titans were ranked 6th in the NAIA preseason polls as they began their quest for an unprecedented seventh National Championship.

Regular season play was a snap for the Titans, who buried nine of ten opponents in a decisive fashion. They opened the season against West Liberty State in the Alumni Bowl, a 46-16 Titan victory. The early season was marked by strong performances by quarterback Todd Huda, tight end Joe Blasko, and running back Denny Flora.

Fighting back from an early deficit, the Titans beat St. Ambrose in their Mid-States Football Association opener. Other highlights included a 55-6 MSFA Homecoming victory against Urbana and a 21-0 shut-out of Malone, the first shut-out in the five year history of Malone football.

The Titans went into the regular season finale against rival Geneva with an overall record of 9-0 and an MSFA record of 5-0. Geneva dashed the team's hopes for an undefeated season and a conference championship in the 45-18 loss.

Entering the NAIA playoffs for an unprecedented 17th time, the Titans were eliminated in the first round of the single elimination tournament by #1 ranked Findlay.



The Titan defense shows the Urbana offense that they will be taken seriously.



The Titan offense makes room for Nathan Toy to break through and gain some yardage.



Gridiron



Huda Power

Senior quarterback Todd Huda, with his strong arm and leadership skills, led the Titans offensive game to an impressive 9-1 season overall.



Coach

Head coach Gene Nicholson watches his team intently from the sidelines. Nicholson coached his seventh season with the Titan club this year.

Senior quarterback Todd Huda studies his passing options against the Urbana defense.



The 1997 Westminster Titan football team under the direction of Head Coach Gene Nicholson.

Titan defensemen take down an Urbana ball carrier as he attempts to break through.

Men's Soccer

The 1997 season was an exciting one for the Titan men's varsity soccer team. Under the guidance of head coach John Hall, in his second year with the squad, the team bested many of its goals as well as several school records.

Coming off a strong pre-season, the Titans were led by a strong group of returning players, as well as a talented crop of freshmen who took the job of replacing the team-building graduating seniors very seriously. Senior forward Bill Van Ormer started the season already owning season and career goal scoring records and was joined on the team this season by his brother Matt, a promising freshman goalie.

It was a roller coaster season full of firsts for the men. The squad recorded its first four game winning streak in the history of the team. They also set a new school record for wins in a season with nine. The previous record of eight wins was made in the 1994 and 1995 seasons. Their closing record of 9-9 overall and 2-3 KECC was good enough to earn the team a spot in the KECC championship playoffs. Unfortunately, they were defeated in the KECC semifinal game against Houghton.

The men's soccer team showed their heart and endurance this season, and we can be proud of their accomplishments while looking forward to next season.



Senior forward Bill Van Ormer, the team scoring record holder, controls the ball and heads for the goal.



Fighting off an aggressive opponent, the Titans charge the net while their teammates look on from the sidelines.



Record Breaking Season



Action

Junior midfielder Jim Mathieu goes toe to toe with his opponent while the opposing team sends in reinforcements.



The Titan men's soccer squad mounts its offensive attack during their Homecoming game.

The 1997 Titan men's soccer team under the leadership of Coach John Hall.

Fans and team alumni look on as the tension mounts.



Kick

Senior Nathan Melaro attempts to maintain control of the ball as an opposing player makes his move.

Women's Soccer

Times sure have changed for the women's club soccer team since the group was first formed back in 1990. For the past seven years, women's soccer has been considered a club sport in the eyes of the athletic powers that be at Westminster. Not having varsity status, the women were forced to hold fundraisers, such as the sale of the popular pepperoni rolls, in order to pay for uniforms and officials. However, the world of women's soccer here at Westminster is facing a major and much anticipated change in the fall of 1998 when the team will officially make the transition from club to varsity sport.

The women completed their last season as a club team with a record of 4 - 6. When asked how the team feels about the upcoming change, one player expressed that the team is very excited. Many feel that they will now receive more recognition from the Westminster community.

One member of the team said that she is really looking forward to the change, especially since the squad has a new coach which they adore. This coach would be Tom Keller. Keller comes to Westminster with a strong background in coaching soccer, previously serving as assistant coaches for the boys varsity team at Boardman High School and Ohio Olympic Development team. He too is looking forward to starting next season as a varsity sport.

Everyone involved with the women's soccer club is excitedly looking forward to the transition and plan to work hard in order to kick off their first varsity season with a bang.

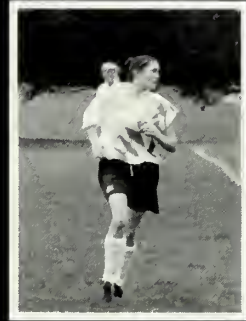
The ladies fight to maintain control of the ball as they push toward the opponent's goal.



Sensing an opportunity for the steal, several Lady Titans make their move on the ball.



Varsity Bound



Club Sport

Although the women's soccer team currently holds club team status, they will become varsity next fall and are anxiously awaiting the new challenges.



Determination

The Lady Titans have shown their spirit and resolve as they fought to earn coveted varsity team status and played with all their hearts during each game.



The women's soccer club aggressively tries to move the ball away from their own net.

Jodi Chmielewski takes the outside kick to start the action.

A quick team huddle during a break in the action allows the team to get their bearings and plan their strategy.

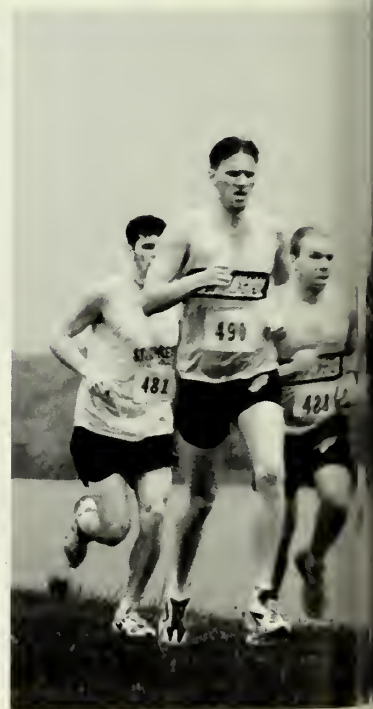
Cross Country

Coming off a fourth place finish at last year's KECC championships, the Titan men's cross county team, under the leadership of head coach Ron Galbreath, had high hopes for their young group, led by juniors Rob Dietrich and Mike Lawrence. The season was disappointing for the Titan harriers who placed no higher than than fourth at an invitational. Lawrence dominated the men's times, consistently finishing highest of the Westminster runners, recording several second place finishes. At the KECC championships, hosted by Westminster, the men placed 5th of five teams. Sophomore Keith Schrag had the highest Titan finish, coming in eighth.

Coach Gary Lilly's Lady Titan team fared much better than their male counterparts. The ladies came straight from a strong season, having captured four invitational titles and 2nd place in last year's KECC championships. Led by three-time NAIA National Qualifier senior Christine Paolini, the squad featured a majority of returning experienced runners and promising freshmen. The ladies posted strong finishes at most of their meets and took the title at the Thiel Invitational. Paolini posted three first place finishes at the Fisher, Thiel, and Hirim Invitionals. At the championships the Lady Titans placed third out of six teams, with Paolini finishing in the highest place, fourth, and qualifying for Nationals for the fourth consecutive year.



The Lady Titan cross country team under the leadership of Coach Gary Lilly.
Right: Junior Katie Derr concentrates on her stride.



Cross the Line



Last Race

Senior Laurann Thein tries to make the most of the weather during her last race as a Westminster runner.

She takes flight midstride as the water flies from her shoes.



Junior John McCombie leads this pack of harriers around Westminster's rain drenched Lake Brittain.

The Titan men's cross country team under the wise direction of Coach Ron Galbreath.

Several of the male cross country runners stay close to each other at this wet portion of the race.



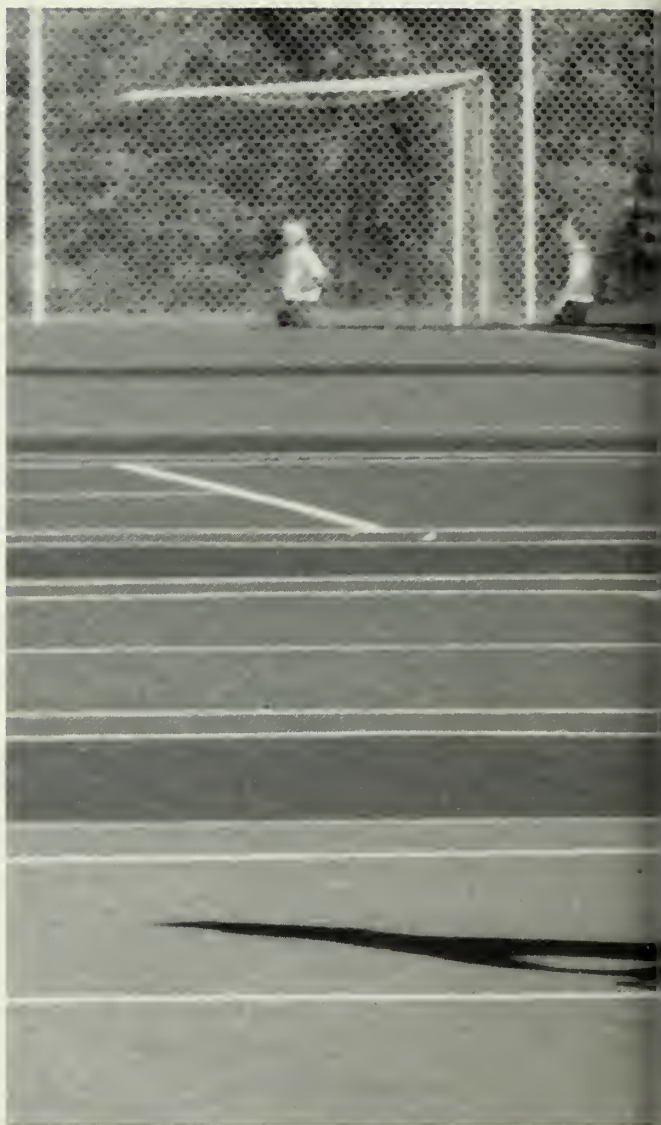
Championship

A huge pack of ladies leave the starting gate at this year's rain soaked KECC Championship meet hosted by Westminster.

Women's Tennis

The Westminster Lady Titan tennis squad entered the new season with many hopes and many questions. The team had won their fourth consecutive KECC conference team title last fall, but they had also lost two major players after graduation, leaving Coach S. Kipley Haas with a very young squad with which to work. In their first two KECC matches against Seton Hill and Carlow, the ladies were victorious. Singles wins were posted at both matches by junior Theresa Hagg, sophomore Ginger Lilly, and freshman Ellen Johnson. Winning doubles teams included Johnson and junior Jennifer Croushore and Lilly and junior Sara Coffman. Their record then dropped to 2-3 overall and 2-1 KECC after disappointing losses to Slippery Rock, rival Geneva, and Clarion. The ladies also dropped a pair of non-KECC matches to Gannon and Mount Union. Their next outing had the ladies losing to Grove City but beating Seton Hill in a KECC match, thus raising their record to 3-6 overall and 3-1 KECC. Theresa Hagg was a consistent singles winner for the ladies throughout the season. Finishing the regular season with a loss to rival Geneva, the squad entered the three-team KECC Conference Championships hoping to extend their four year winning streak. The team was led at the tournament by junior Renee Bassaly who posted two singles wins before being defeated in the semifinal round. The Lady Titans finished in second place at the tournament and closed the season with a final record of 4-8 overall and 4-3 KECC. For her efforts in the championship tournament, Bassaly earned All-KECC honors.

Junior Renee Bassaly makes contact and delivers a wicked forehand volley to her waiting opponent.



New Blood



Renee Bassaly prepares mentally and physically to return the oncoming volley.



The 1997 Lady Titan tennis team under the direction of Coach S. Kipley Haas.

A strong backhand stroke in motion.

Men's Basketball

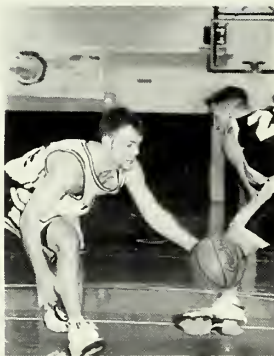
The Titan men's basketball team found success in their quest for a winning season, but found themselves at a loss concerning another Westminster tradition - the coaching skills of Ron Galbreath. At the close of the 1997-98 season, Coach Galbreath announced that his 25th season would be the perfect ending to a perfect coaching post.

The season began with an accolade for senior Kevin Dill who was selected to the Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference (KECC) Pre-season First Team.

As the season got under way, the Titans took on Mansfield and posted their highest scoring output of any game they had yet played. In all, 14 Titans dented the scoring column for a final winning score of 101-72. Later in the season, Westminster handed Pitt-Johnstown a loss in a thrilling double overtime upset, final score 111-110. Valentine's Day saw the Titan's seventh consecutive win over their rivals from Beaver Falls, Geneva, a winning streak which dates back to the 1994-95 season.

As the Titans enter a new division (NCAA Division II) and conference (GLIAC), they will be under the familiar coaching skills of Jim Dafler who will replace Ron Galbreath. These transitions will prove to be an imposing task for Dafler and the 1998-99 team, but Westminster has nothing but confidence in the team.

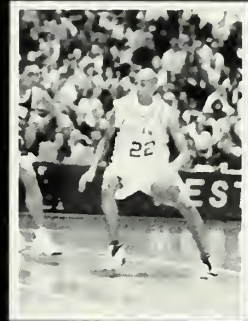
Dan Moschillo goes for the steal against a Geneva player during a game full of school rivalry.



Kevin Dill contemplates his freethrow from the foul line.

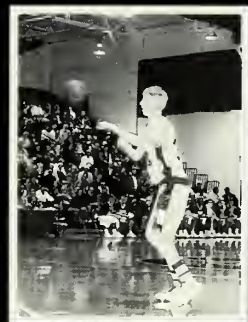


Wins and Loss



Young Blood

This year's freshmen were an infusion of young blood for the men's basketball team, giving them the opportunity to train the new players in the footsteps of the leaving seniors.



Passing

The men worked very hard on improving their passing and shooting games so that retiring Coach Galbreath could go out on a positive note.



The 1997-1998 Titan men's basketball team under the leadership of famed Coach Ron Galbreath.

Ryan Delaney on the offense before a basket attempt.

Titan offense retreat after making the basket, as Geneva claims the rebound.

Women's Basketball

This year, the women's basketball team faced many obstacles. For one thing, this season brought the introduction of a new head coach, Jan Reddinger. Then, the Lady Titans faced the obstacle of becoming a Division II team effective next season.

At the start of this season, sophomore Diandra Streit said that the team's main goal was to "play together and have fun." Despite the season record of 6-20, 4-10 KECC she believes that the team has met its goals.

The Lady Titans dropped their season opener to West Liberty State, 84-60, as Coach Reddinger made her debut as coach. Things brightened after two wins against Seton Hill and Grove City. The Ladies then split, beating Point Park, 70-48, but lost to rival Geneva in Beaver Falls, 63-45. Next the ladies dropped several games against teams like Carlow, Roberts Wesleyan, Fairmont State, and St. Vincent.

Along the way, however, the team faced the uncertainty accompanying the transition of becoming a Division II school within the next year. "At the beginning of the season we played some really tough Division II teams, and we weren't really ready for them," said Streit. But she believes that this insight has given the team some valuable research into the competition and even some practice for next season.

As they set their hopes for the upcoming season, their goal is still the same. The Lady Titans just want to keep up the team work, have fun, and have a winning season.

The team consults the experience of the coaching staff in a mid-game timeout.



Players from both teams look on anxiously to follow the path of the ball into the hoop.



On the Rebound



The 1997-1998 Lady Titan women's Basketball team under the direction of first year coach Jan Reddinger.

Jen Seaver controls the ball from the onslaught of the Pitt-Johnstown defenders.

A freethrow attempt takes takes both skill and mental preparation as teammates and opponents look on.

Men's Swimming

The Titan men's swim team under the direction of coach Rob Klamut started their season quietly with a loss to Ashland, 110-93. Posting individual first places were senior Pat Herbst in the 50 and 100 freestyle and sophomore Dave Gesacion in the 200 freestyle. Two relay teams also posted firsts: the 200 medley team of Herbst, juniors Greg McAtee and Jason Ingersoll, and senior Brian Renn, and the 200 freestyle team of Gesacion, Renn, freshman Jason Griffiths and junior Josh Gurekovich.

The men then topped both Mount Union and Buffalo State in a dual match, 63-32 and 69-26. At the Golden Eagle Invitational at Youngstown State, the men placed fourth of 11 teams. At Rollins College, Fla., the men increased their record to 3-1, winning 120-79. The men finished their regular season on a rollercoaster ride. They lost to Fairmont State 108-97, then swept Grove City and Gannon, only to be swept by Slippery Rock and Carnegie Mellon. The men closed the regular season with a loss to Findlay, leaving their record at 5-5.

At Penn-Ohio's, the team placed fifth of nine and were led by Gesacion who took the 50 freestyle individual crown. At the NAIA National Championships in Tacoma, Wash., the team placed seventh. Dave Gesacion became Westminster's first national champion in four years and only the fourth in College history when he took the 200 butterfly. Also earning third place All-American honors was the 400 freestyle relay team of Gesacion, McAtee, Cole, and Herbst. Senior Mark Natemeier earned NAIA Swimming Scholar-Athlete honors at Nationals, as well.

Swimmers from the men's and women's teams are very close. Freshmen Jason Griffiths and Chrissy Jardine share a poolside hug.



This Titan butterfly swimmer surfaces only briefly to catch his breath and move toward the finish.



Swimming Stars



Fly

The Titan swimmers follow a rigorous practice and workout schedule in order to prepare them for the demands of the dual meet season.



Seniors

Senior Pat Herbst and his fellow seniors have experienced four long years of thrills and disappointments with the Titan swim team.



The 1997-1998 Titan men's swim team under the experience of Coach Rob Klamut.

Racing head to head is the nature of the close finishes in many of the swim teams' races.

Senior Mark Natemeier takes a well deserved breath of air during a freestyle race.

Women's Swimming

The Lady Titan swim team, under Coach Tammy Swearingen, also began their season quietly with a 115-89 loss to Ashland. Individual firsts were earned by junior Jen Passarelli in the 100 freestyle, freshman Chrissy Jardine in the 200 butterfly, and freshman Kelly Vernal in the 200 medley. A winning 200 medley relay team consisted of Jardine, and freshmen Tara Crawford, Carolyn Grannis, and Tina Proudfoot.

The Ladies then topped Mount Union and Buffalo State 63-32 and 63-30 in dual meet action. At Youngstown State's Golden Eagle Invitational, the team placed sixth of 14. The women were victorious at Rollins College, Fla., winning 119-79. Senior Vanessa Kopiai was the only woman to capture two individual wins in the 500 and 1000 freestyle. Other individual winners were Jardine, sophomore Sue Kenyon, and junior Jill Grinham while the relay team of Jardine, Grannis, Proudfoot, and freshman Laura Honacki took the 200 freestyle.

Rounding out the season was a loss to Fairmont State, victories over Grove City and Gannon, losses to Slippery Rock and Carnegie Mellon, and a final win over Findlay to close their record at 6-4.

At Penn-Ohio's, the team placed sixth of ten teams. At NAIA Nationals in Tacoma, Wash., the ladies placed 11th. Junior Jill Grinham earned the NAIA Swimming Scholar-Athlete Award for her accomplishments in athletics and academics.

Senior Vanessa Kopiai gives some swim students advice on their strokes during one of the swim teams' clinics for local children.



Swimming takes the dedication and precision exhibited here by a Lady Titan swimming the backstroke in competition.





Ladies' Freestyle



Giving Back

The Titan swim teams offered swimming lessons to the children of the community. Sophomore Diane Henderson helps a child learn to hold her breath underwater.



Infusion

This year's freshmen were quite an asset to the team as the Lady's prepare to say goodbye to their seniors. Their strong performances this year will lead the team next year.



The 1997-1998 Lady Titan women's swim team under Coaches Tammy Swearingen and Rob Klamut.

Along with dedication comes perseverance, as shown by this Lady Titan butterfly swimmer.

A quick breath is caught midstroke in a competition butterfly race.

Volleyball

This season has definitely been one to remember for the Lady Titan volleyball team. This being the last year that the Ladies would participate in the KECC tournament, junior Jessica Faflik said that the team's goal for the season was to win the KECC title and make nationals. Senior middle hitter Carrie Gorda said that since it was her final season with the team she definitely wanted to take the team all the way. And the team did go all the way.

The only obstacle that the Lady Titans felt that they had to overcome was the youth and inexperience of the younger members on the squad. At the beginning of the season, two first-year students were immediately placed in starting positions, thus creating some butterflies in the stomachs of the new starters. With practice and team bonding this obstacle was easy to overcome.

Overall the team feels that they accomplished their goals for this season. The squad overpowered Roberts Wesleyan College 15-4, 15-11, 15-6 to capture their second KECC conference title in four years. Stellar performances were turned in by Gorda, Faflik, junior setter Anna Bestwick, sophomore Danielle Kean, and sophomore middle hitter Jessica Furman. They ended the season with an overall record of 27-4 and extended their winning streak to fourteen matches. Both Faflik and Gorda received KECC first team honors, while Bestwick earned All-KECC second team laurels. Coach Tammy Swearingen was also named Coach of the Year.



The Lady Titans gather around their coaching staff for some between game pointers.



Junior Jessica Faflik shows her form as she prepares to serve the ball into action.





Spiking to Victory



Inspiration

The team receives some last minute words of wisdom from Coach Swearingen, in a pre-game huddle.



In Action

The Lady Titans were in their best form all season, capturing their second KECC conference championship in the last four years.



Sophomore Jessica Furman congratulates junior Valorie Hohmann on a point well earned.

The 1997-1998 Lady Titan women's volleyball team under the leadership of Coach Tammy Swearingen.

Hohmann and senior Carrie Gorda accept the Lady Titans KECC conference championship plaque.

Baseball

The Titan men's baseball team may have had a rocky season, but it was a learning experience for the many young team members. The men dropped their non-conference opener against Slippery Rock, 9-3, with strong performances turned in by freshmen Henry Klinar and DJ Anderson and senior Scott Bowman. Then the team split a KECC doubleheader with St. Vincent to set the mood for the rest of the season. The Titans swept the first game in six innings, with senior Kevin Dill recording the win. But the Titans fell after five errors to St. Vincent in the second game, 8-5.

Losing three of the next four, the team split a KECC doubleheader with Geneva and was then swept by Grove City. The Titans took the Geneva opener which was pitched by freshman Brian Zima and saved by Dill. Geneva controlled the next game despite the offensive efforts of Anderson and sophomore Chris Cappabianco. Grove City took the first game of their series in six innings and dominated the second game.

Similar to the previous week, the Titans split another doubleheader with Geneva and were swept by Allegheny in non-conference play. Freshman outfielder DJ Anderson, who led the team in the stats for the season, led the offensive attack against Geneva going two for four with a two run single.

The Titans finished up the season dropping three in a row leaving their overall record at 3-11, 3-5 KECC. Despite their disappointing season, the Titans are pleased by the show of their freshmen and look forward to dominating next season.



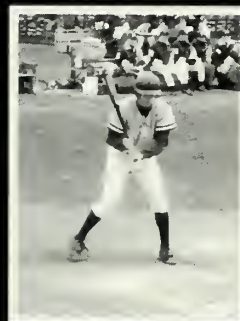
Chris Buckley takes his swing low as the pitch comes in.



Ryan Sturgess prepares to bunt as he awaits the oncoming pitch.



Baseline



At Bat

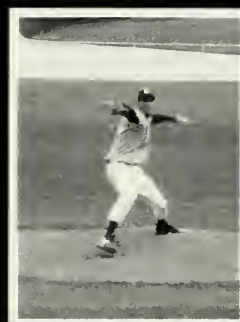
Midswing, Henry Klinar avoids the strike and takes the ball as the other team's catcher unsuccessfully looks for the opportunity to eliminate a wayward Titan baserunner.



The 1998 Titan Men's Baseball team under head coach Scott Renninger and assistant coach Sean Kelly.

In a fully extended swing, Henry Klinar takes the strike as his teammates look on from the bench.

The Titans take the outfield on this cloudy April day with scenic Lake Brittain flowing in the backfield.



Perfect Pitch

Senior pitcher Kevin Dill prepares to deliver a strike.

Softball

The Lady Titan softball team began another winning season at the Gene Cusic Classic in Orlando, Fla., an NCAA Division II tournament. In the final four days of the tournament, the ladies posted a record of 4-4. The offensive attack was led by junior first baseman Jackie West and senior outfielders Jamie Slack and Jodi Chmielewski. The introduction was solid for two freshmen pitchers, Melissa Bajus, who pitched two wins, and Bethany Pinkerton who posted three wins and struck out 16 batters in five games.

In KECC play, the Lady Titans swept Seton Hill, 12-0 and 5-3. In the first game, Pinkerton pitched a one hit shutout, with sophomore Jen Gales scoring three runs. Game 2 brought a win for Bajus and scores by Gales and freshman catcher Jamie Reddinger.

The Lady Titans then posted a 4-2 week to raise their KECC record to 4-0, maintaining their stranglehold on first place. The Titans were swept the next week at home by West Liberty State, eventually evening out their record to 11-11, 6-0 KECC. A bright spot came as Melissa Bajus pitched the first no hitter of her collegiate career against Clarion.

The Lady Titans captured their fourth consecutive KECC conference championship. Losing their first game to Geneva, 5-2, the ladies came back to beat Point Park and Geneva twice to claim their title. This win automatically qualified them to participate in the northeast regional tournament in Vermont. Eight women earned All-KECC laurels, Bethany Pinkerton was named co-Pitcher of the Year, and Jan Reddinger was Named Coach of the Year.

Action ensues after a hit as the Lady Titans on second and third bases gage the situation, and the Seton Hill players prepare their defense.



The Lady Titans hold their bases while their opponents from Seton Hill ready themselves for action.



Senior Leaders



Form

Jodi Chmielewski awaits the pitch while fans and teammates look on.



Jackie West begins her left-handed swing as the unseen pitcher releases the ball.



The 1998 Lady Titan Softball team under the experienced leadership of KECC Coach of the Year Jan Reddinger.

Freshman pitcher Bethany Pinkerton attacks her pitch, showing her passion and form.

Function

Jamie Slack relaxes momentarily at third base while she awaits the next pitch.



Golf

This year proved to be a winner for Coach Joe Fusco's Titan golf team. The season began as the Titans were among 30 collegiate teams to compete in the 54-hole Camp LaJeune Invitational in North Carolina. Senior Ryan Pontius led the Titans with a low score of 217, followed by junior Chad Rittle with a 224 and senior Seth Aikman with a 237. This set the stage for what would be a season long rivalry between these three teammates.

Back at home, the team played the Malone Invitational, with the top Titan scorers being Rittle, Aikman, and Pontius. The squad then placed second out of seven teams behind Malone at the Titan Invitational held at the New Castle Country Club. Pontius golfed a low score of 77, narrowly escaping Rittle and Aikman who scored 78 and 79 respectively.

The Titans participated in two other invitationals before the NAIA Championships. At the Slippery Rock Invitational, the team placed seventh of 12. Rittle paced the team with a low score of 78 on the 70 par course. The Titans then placed ninth of 14 at the IUP Invitational, this time led by Pontius with a low score of 74 on the 71 par course.

To top off the season, the team won its fourth consecutive NAIA Northeast Regional Championship at the tournament hosted at the New Castle Country Club. The two top individual scores were posted by Chad Rittle and Ryan Pontius, who tied. Rittle beat Pontius in the third playoff to earn medalist laurels for his efforts.



Following a shot through allows the player to continue to direct the ball even after initial contact.



The Titans hit a few practice shots on home turf as they await the tournament to start.





Tee Time



Practice

Practice makes perfect and releases some pent up tension before an invitational.



Putting

This Titan carefully lines up his putt on the second hole.



Lining up the shot is just as important as the swing, even in practice.

The 1998 Titan men's golf team is under the direction of Coach Joe Fusco.

Concentration is key for these golfers, as this Titan prepares his putt.

Cheerleading



Front and center, Cindie Cordes leads the cheerleaders as they cheer on the home team.

The ladies pump up the enthusiastic crowd at a home Titan football game.



Cheering at the home basketball games plays a key role in keeping the crowd excited during breaks in the action.



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Spirit Squad



Pride

Chrissy DiCiccio displays her Titan pride by giving her all to her cheer.



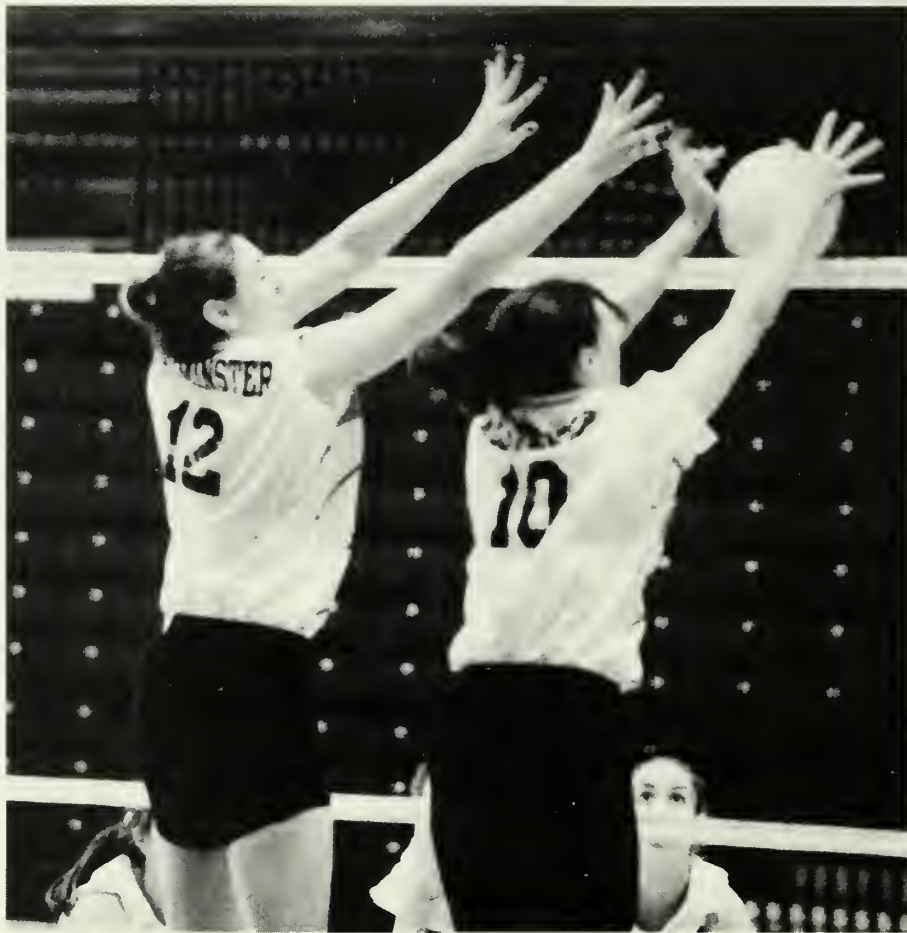
Support

Cindie Cordes watches from the sidelines, while cheering for the Titan basketball team.

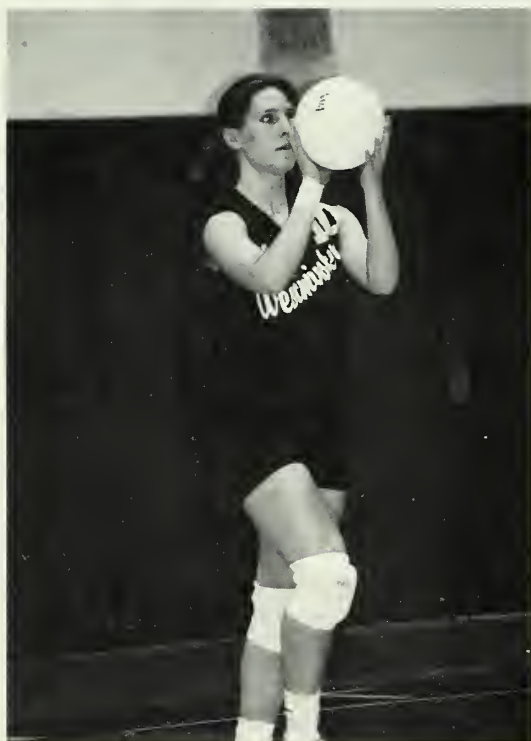


Pausing for just a moment, the Lady Titan Cheerleaders flash their smiles in unison to show their spirit of togetherness and Westminster pride.

Watching from their place between the field and the crowd, the ladies prepare for the kickoff.













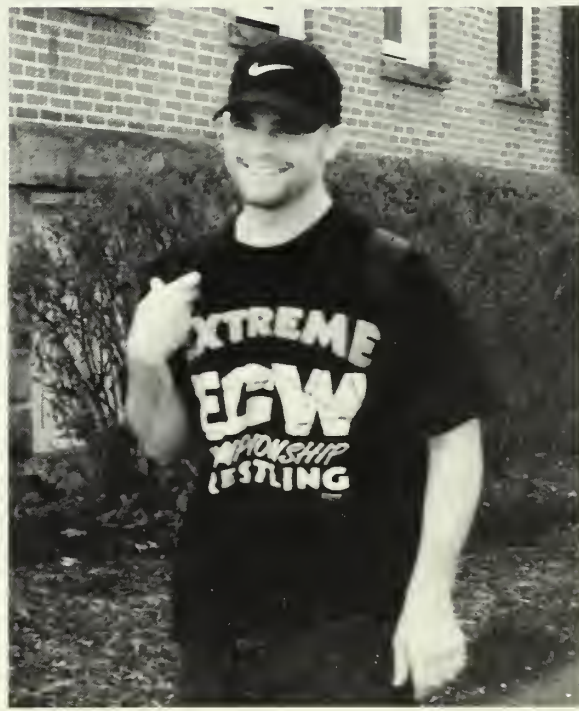






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Fresh

Cardboard boxes and suitcases litter the lawn outside of Shaw and Russell as figures in tie-dyed T-shirts zip in and out of the crowds of emotional parents and anxious new Westminster students. This is a typical scene during Fresh Start, in a not-so-typical year. These first-year students, formerly known as freshmen, will be the first class to go four years without a *Fresh*, to experience Inquiry, and to go through the long-awaited curriculum change. Not to mention the fact that a new president will be handing out candy in the Old Main office.

Fresh Start, led this year by senior coordinator Beth Flavy and junior coordinator Renee Barady, is the first experience that new students have as part of the Westminster community. It is on this first day that many first year students are separated from their parents, some for the first time in their 18 years of life. It is during Fresh Start that the students realize they do not have a crutch and that they can eat two-day old pizza for breakfast if they want to. There is no one to answer to, and these dizzying feelings of freedom are almost enough to cancel out any homesickness.

"I thought that Fresh Start was a worthwhile experience that provided a non-threatening environment for the first year students," said Fresh Start staffer Julie Bridges. "It helped them to meet fellow classmates and to become familiar with the Westminster layout."

This year's orientation was a success from every point of view.

"... Fresh Start was a worthwhile experience that provided a non-threatening environment for the first year students."
-Julie Bridges

Start





Coming

This year's Homecoming festivities were a celebration of past traditions as well as a look at the future of Westminster. Activities brought together all members of the Westminster community, including students, faculty, alumni, trustees, staff, and friends of the College.

Friday afternoon held the annual pep rally on the Quad. The always exciting powder puff football game started the afternoon with the juniors winning the championship game. Students enjoyed a picnic on the senior terrace and were given the opportunity to recognize the fall sports teams. Some new and fun events this year included Amish Bingo and the kiss-the-pig contest.

The Homecoming candidates were formally introduced to the campus during the pep rally. This year's candidates were: Alpha Gamma Delta Jennie Willison, Independent Ellen Maloney, Kappa Delta Julie Bach, Sigma Kappa Lindsay McClain, Phi Mu Autumn Stewart, and Zeta Tau Alpha Jennifer Gandy. The day ended with a concert by Pittsburgh's The McCoy Band.

Saturday brought the installation of Westminster's 13th President R. Thomas Williamson, followed by the annual parade down Market Street. Titan football defeated Urabana soundly, 55-6. At half time, ZTA was announced winner of the float competition, and Alpha Gamma Delta's Jennie Willison was crowned Homecoming Queen.

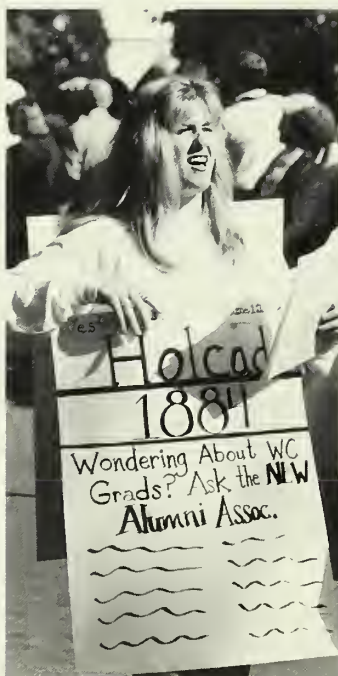
Ending the weekend of reunions and events was an orchestra concert and the evening vesper service. Once again the Westminster community, past, present, and future, showed its love and respect for our Mother Fair and the opportunities she presents to each one of us.

"Homecoming really brings the campus community together for fun times and happy memories."
Senior Bechi Pope



Home







Greeting

With an exciting year of change at Westminster came the long-awaited inauguration of 13th President R. Thomas Williamson, who succeeded Chancellor Oscar Penick in July. The ceremony was held in Wallace Memorial Chapel and was attended by the entire campus and local communities, including students, alumni, faculty, staff, and local guests.

Music from the Youngstown Fine Arts Brass Band, Dr. John Walker on organ, the College Chamber Ensemble and Concert Choir rounded out the ceremony. Greetings and well wishings were formally given by a series of speakers representing the College, the local community, and organizations such as East Central College, Clarkson College and Bucknell University. Special greetings from President Bill Clinton, Gov. Tom Ridge, and Senators Adlen Spector and Rick Santorum were also read.

"President Williamson will provide the leadership to keep alive the best traditions, and assure their relevance to a challenging future," said Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Robert S. Gaudner, SGA President Leanne Onorato said. "Lead us as we explore together for the source of our College's greatness - and we will follow."

In his inaugural speech, President Williamson said, "We shall move forward, challenged to continually enhance the appreciation of a Westminster degree, to manage our resources with the greatest care, to yet again interpret and make relevant the liberal arts through our new Westminster Plan curriculum and to stand out as a church-related institution of highest quality and commitment."

An Era





Faculty wait to see who will be the lucky winner of the Kiss the Pig contest during the Homecoming Pep Rally.



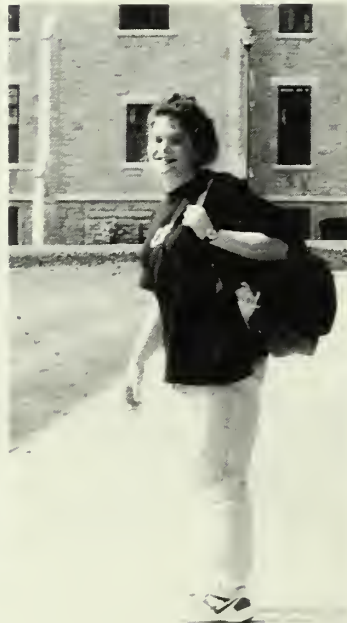
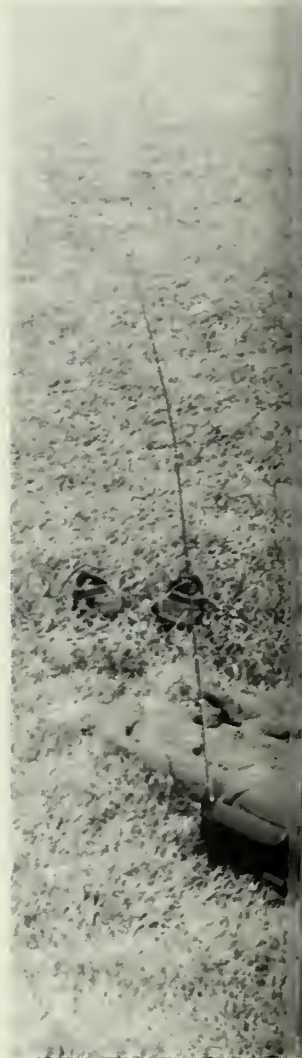
Right: The Ike McCoy Band gives a concert at the Down Under during Homecoming weekend.

Below: Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha bond during float building.





Chapel assistant Ketaurah Laney gives the invocation to start the Homecoming game.









Alpha Gamma Delta

Seniors savor their last pick-up d



*Alpha Gamma Delta
Pick-Up Day 1998*



President: Jill Allison
V. President: Shawn Voelp
Secretary: Marlo Ziter
Treasurer: Elizabeth
Holmes
Pledge Ed: Valorie
Hohmann

Colors: Red, Buff and Green
Mascot: Squirrel
Philanthropy: Juvenile
Diabetes Foundation



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Alpha Gam man Dan Doughty celebrates with Megan Smith and Amy Shaluga.



Sisters having fun at their formal.
Sisters enjoy a flour battle in the chapter room.

g a party in the basement.
s bond over a game of Quadball.



Ben Weber and Rich Simiawski share a moment.



up for the formal.

Phi Kappa Tau

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President: Rob Dietrich
V. President: Jason Murphy
Secretary: Don Clark
Treasurer: Ryan Harvey
Pledge Ed: Tom Backus

Colors: Old Gold and
Harvard Red
Flower: Red Carnation
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Wall Gang

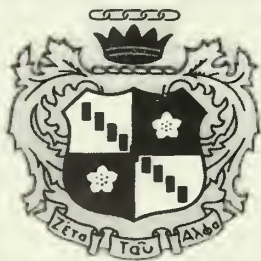
Zeta Tau Alpha

Zetas pose for the camera.



President: Stacey Mack
 V. President: Jackie Lagana
 Secretary: Jessica Naples
 Treasurer: Jen Jarvis
 Pledge Ed: Megan Hoffman

Colors: Turquoise and Steel
 Grey
 Mascot: Bunny
 Philanthropy: Susan G.
 Komen Breast Cancer
 Foundation



ZTA



Jody Mason and Bethany Seruga prepare for pick-up.



Sisters having fun at their formal.
 Sharing a pre-pick-up photo opportunity.

pick-up festivities.
enjoy a house party.



Hanging out at the formal at the falls.



ΣΦΕ



President: Scott Dietz
Secretary: Jamey Mentzer
Treasurer: Brian Taylor

Colors: Red and Purple
Mascot: Sheep
Philanthropy: New Castle
Salvation Army

entzer and Rich Regelski corral the

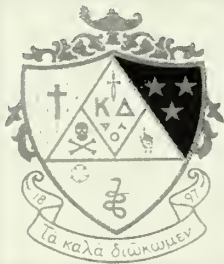
Sigma Phi Epsilon

Kappa Delta

Jamie Schaeffer and Angie Falcoo
the Kappa Delta date party.



President: Jennifer Webb
V. President: Susan Clancy
Secretary: Amy Black
Treasurer: Lisa Wilson
Pledge Ed: Julie Bach
Colors: Olive Green and
Pearl White
Mascot: Teddy Bear
Philanthropies: Child Abuse
Prevention; Hamarville
Rehabilitation Center



KΔ



Kristy Bronder, Nickol Certo and Jen Bronder at the Kappa Delta formal.

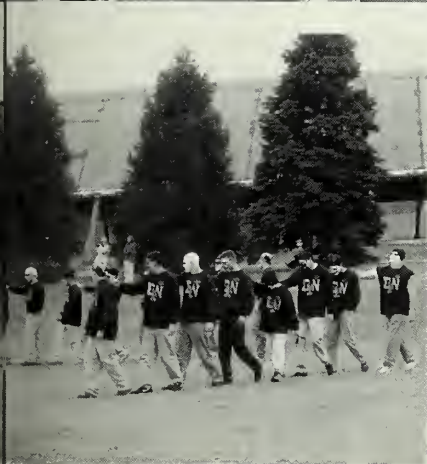
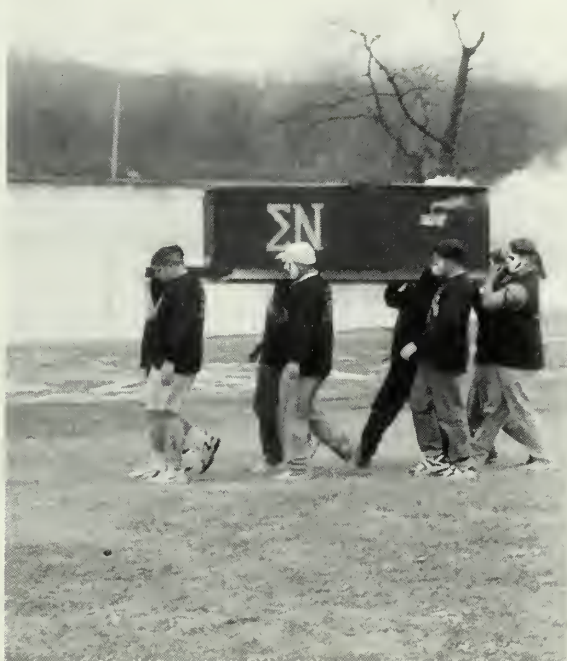


Sisters gather before an alumni football game.
Spring pledges gather together on pick-up day.

...s at their dunking booth at Mardi Gras.
 ...g walking towards the lake during the pick-up day
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Spring pick-up festivities.



ΣΝ



President: Jason Borgesi
 V. President: Chris Ganoe
 Secretary: Mark Posel
 Treasurer: Tom Alexander
 Pledge Ed: Kevin
 Wellendorf

Colors: Gold and Black
 Mascot: Snake
 Philanthropies: American
 Cancer Society; Sankey
 Youth



...enjoy a basketball game.

Sigma Nu

Sigma Kappa

Becki Nicholson and Leslie Janaszek off their career wear.



Sigma Kappa
Pick-Up Day 1998



President: Melinda Nellis
V. President: Becki Pope
Secretary: Leslie Janaszek
Treasurer: Marguerite Zinz
Pledge Ed: Jen Shifler

Colors: Lavender and Maroon

Mascot: Panda

Philanthropy: Alzheimer's
and Gerontology Research



ΣΚ



Melissa Wiley and Karen McKeever have a Christmas party.



Sisters are all smiles for the camera.



Sigas enjoying sunny Disney World.

Bailey and Ray Greenburg hang out on the stairs.
Gurekovich shoots on the new pool table.



Brothers enjoying Greek Week.



Bailey and Victor Lomax chill.



Theta Chi

ΘΧ



President: Jason Call
V. President: Jason Ingersoll
Secretary: Lee Piendl
Treasurer: Mark Natemeier
Pledge Ed: Ted Haynes

Colors: Military Red and White
Mascot: Bull
Philanthropy: New Castle
City Rescue Mission

Phi Mu

Playing soccer during Greek Week



Phi Mu
Pick-Up Day 1998



President: Mary Carney
V. President: Jennifer Lusk
Secretary: Kelly McMahon
Treasurer: Jamie Slack
Pledge Ed: Jamie Machosky

Colors: Rose and White
Mascot: Lion
Philanthropies: Children's
Miracle Network and
Project Hope



ΦΜ



Sisters with their float in the Homecoming parade.



Sisters participating in the Anything that Floats r
Greek Week.

others enjoy dinner with their new pledges on pick-up

brothers are having a great time at their formal in
a.



Coley Donegan and Dan Doughty get crazy with the Fruit Loops over Spring Break.



ΑΣΦ



President: Nate Williams
V. President: Matt Twining
Secretary: Dan Doughty
Treasurer: Dan Jones
House Mgr: Doug Frederick

Colors: Cardinal and Stone
Mascot: Phoenix
Philanthropy: Canine
Companions, American
Cancer Society



Scott takes his dog for a walk.



Alpha Sigma Phi

Sorority

Excitement, expectation, disappointment, jubilation . . . these are just a few of the scattered emotions surrounding one of the busiest weeks for Greek women: spring rush.

The spring semester was kicked off this year with a full week of rush activities for which the sororities had been planning all year. On Monday, the rushees traveled to a short get-to-know-you party at each sorority and attended one less party every night as the sororities and the rushees narrowed their decisions. Wednesday served as a much needed night off to relax and regroup, during which the rushees and Greek women took part in an all-sorority candlelight.

The parties began on Monday night as light-hearted affairs that included humorous skits such as Zeta Tau Alpha's Brady Bunch and upbeat dance numbers like Kappa Delta's M.F.D. As the week went on, the parties grew more formal and more meaningful, such as Sigma Kappa's Thursday night sisterhood video, which caused some happy tears in sisters and rushees alike. The week culminated in the elegant and always emotional final night ceremony, in which each sorority showed the true spirit of their sisterhood to the women who could be their sisters tomorrow with senior speeches and tears.

Saturday arrived and rushees and sisters alike gained their second winds after an exhausting week of rush and bid sessions. Instead of the noisy pick-up ceremony in Orr as was done for the last two years, the five sororities agreed to go back to the original doorn to doorn pick-up style in which the sororities travel to each doorn to greet their new pledges. Pledges were welcomed by their new sisters in a flourish of balloons, cheers and hugs.

The women spent the rest of the weekend bonding with their sisters and getting to know what being a member of a Greek organization is really about.

*"This is the day when you really remember why you love your sorority, and you just want to share that love with your new sisters." Sigma Kappa senior
Becki Pope*

Rush





Fraternity

Fraternity Rush came earlier than usual this year, directly following sorority pick-up by only one week. The calendar change did not deter the guys from being as creative as ever in the rush and pick-up activities.

Much less formal than panhellenic sorority rush, each fraternity started the rush process with their annual spring smokers for all men who signed up for rush. What went on at these smokers is every fraternity man's secret but all were fun and successful.

Friday night was the traditional round where the rushers visited as many houses as they chose, usually ending the night at the house where they wished to pledge. Once the rushers had left, the fraternity men stayed up late into the night deciding to which men they wanted to offer bids to join their brotherhoods.

Saturday morning arrived with a great deal of anticipation all over the campus. The new pledges met with their pledge masters before they were actually picked-up to get the last minute details straight. The softball field filled early with sorority women, independents and curious spectators eager to get a good spot for the festivities. And the men did not disappoint.

The dramatic Phi Kappa Tau opened this year's pick-up activities with their rendition of Animal House. Next came the Theta Chi house, who lined their pledges up like bowling pins while president, Ted Haynes, gave the signal to charge. Alpha Sigma Phi met their new pledges in traditional robes and knighting. The always flamboyant Sigma Phi Epsilon created their usual spectacle complete with fireworks. Sigma Nu showed their new spirit of brotherhood with hugs and handshakes as their pledges voluntarily took the plunge into the lake. Congratulations on a great week, guys!

"We are proud of the brothers we picked up and are glad the day was successful for everyone."
Phi Kappa Tau brother
Ryan Harvey



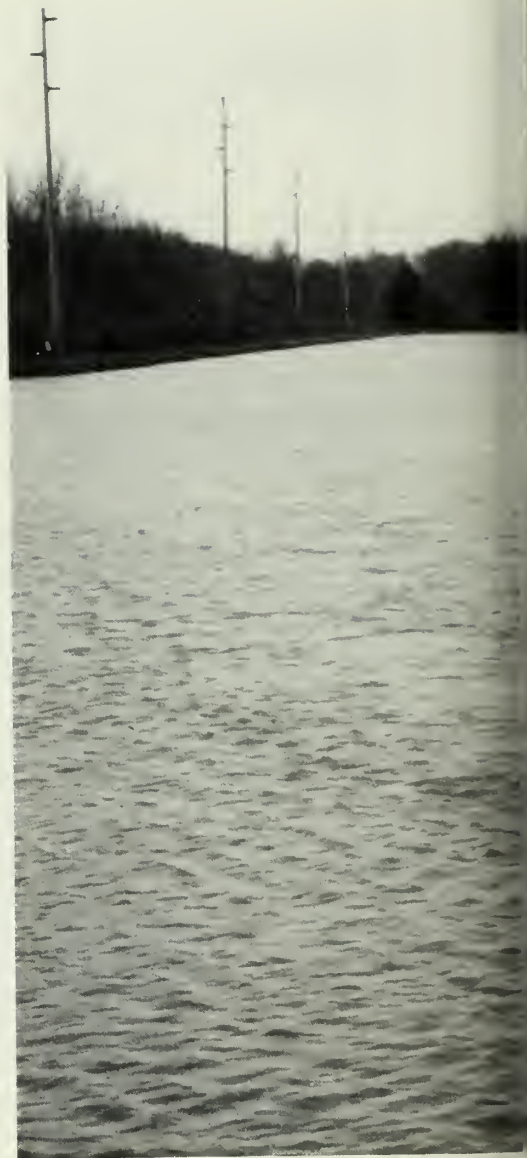
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S Service and News



Alpha Phi Omega is a national coed service fraternity. Members of A-Phi-O are dedicated to leadership, friendship, and service on campus and in the community.

Westminster's chapter of A-Phi-O donated to a variety of organizations this year. In the fall they held the Quad-a-thon to raise awareness for the plight of the homeless and donated the money raised to the New Castle City Rescue Mission, among others. Throughout the year they held a story hour for the children of the community. A special project this year was the creation and dedication of the Peter W. Macky Memorial Library in Patterson Hall. Also, in the spring, the group held their annual Canoe-a-thon to raise money for various service projects.

Holcad, the student run weekly

newspaper, experienced a year of transition which it survived quite successfully, according to Editor in Chief Kelly Williams. Along with staff changes in the middle of the year, the Holcad also made the transition from working on Macintosh computers to PCs.

Other changes in the publication include the increased number of pages, the addition of news from other colleges and universities, and several different appearance changes. The Holcad is also working with a new advisor, Mr. Jim Rayke. Williams says that it is very exciting to be working with an advisor from the newspaper world. Finally, the Holcad won the American Scholastic Press Association Newspaper Award, which is a huge tribute to the dedication of the Holcad staff.



Alpha Phi Omega



Holcad



Psychological Interests

Psi Chi is the national academic honor society for psychology students. At Westminster, those with a major or minor in the field are eligible for membership. This year's officers were President Angela Stover, Vice President Amy Allen, and Secretary Jessica Puzausky.

The Psychology Club is an academic interest organization open to anyone studying or interested in the field of psychology. Psi Chi and the Psychology Club worked together on a variety of events this year. Teaming up with the Sociology Interest Group, the groups held the first annual Graduate School Night, in which alumni and university recruiters spoke to students about graduate

studies in different areas of psychology. Also in the spring, the three organizations sponsored the third annual Career Night during which six alumni returned to discuss their careers in social services and social sciences.

Field trips this year included trips to George Jr. Republic and the Mercer Country Jail.

The biggest and most exciting project for Psi Chi and the Psychology Club this year was to attend the Eastern Psychological Conference in Boston. Three senior psychology majors, Angela Stover, Amy Allen, and Kelly McMahon, presented their honors research at the conference, which is a huge honor for undergraduate students.



Psi Chi



Psychology Club



Students in Action

SAA, the Student Alumni Association, has been very active on campus since its re-inception in 1997. The purpose of SAA is to meet and work closely with alumni in the planning and implementation of campus and alumni events and activities. The organization is a chapter of the national student alumni association from which they receive advice and ideas for activities to increase student alumni interaction.

This year SAA held several raffles to raise money and also hosted the first annual campus Mardi Gras celebration. According to sophomore Ann Wilson, SAA wanted to do something fun to unite the campus and also get their name recognized. Mardi Gras was a fun evening of booths, masks, and food.

Students in Action who Value the Environment, or SAVE, is an organization established to raise consciousness about and improve the condition of the environment, while attempting to understand the ethical and moral issues associated with the state of the environment on a global scale. Membership is open to students, faculty, administrators and members of the local community who want to preserve the environment for today and for future generations.

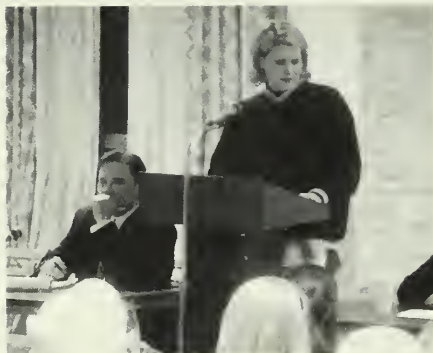
This year's officers were President Steve Davies, Vice President Jen Nolan, Secretary Doreen Hoover, and Treasurer Megan Altruz. SAVE's most recognized activity is the annual Earth Day celebration, with bands, speakers, and vendors at the Amphitheater.



Student Alumni Association



SAVE



Governing and Spanish



The Student Government Association had an active year on campus as always, especially fielding student responses to the many changes that affected Westminster this year. SGA played an integral part in the Homecoming festivities, including the inauguration of President Williamson at which SGA President Leanne Onorato gave a powerful speech.

Other officers this year were Vice President Jason Stragand, Secretary Julie Monbeck, and Treasurer Jennifer Webb.

Two accomplishments that SGA is particularly proud of are the renovation of the TUB lounge and the shoe drive for Nicaraguan children.

The TUB lounge now has new beautiful blue curtains and blue carpet rather than the tacky old orange. SGA also collected over 1600 pairs of shoes to donate to families in the impoverished country of Nicaragua.

Sigma Delta Pi is the national academic honor society for those who seek and attain excellence in the study of the Spanish language and in the study of the literature and the culture of the Spanish speaking world. While membership in Sigma Delta Pi is mostly honorary, the unique initiation ceremony is conducted completely in Spanish for added emphasis.



Student Government Association



Sigma Delta Pi

Mardi

Colorful masks, long strings of beads, and the excitement of Mardi Gras festivities filled the Orr lobby and Mezzanine on February 27 as the Student Alumni Association presented the first annual Westminster Mardi Gras Celebration.

SAA originally developed the idea of having a campus Mardi Gras as a way to get the name of their newly reformed organization out on campus and also to do something fun to bring the entire school together, said coordinator Anne Wilson. We tried to make it as close to the real thing as possible, having a king and queen and everything, said Wilson. Members of SAA worked diligently to organize the event and to decorate Orr when the big day came. To promote the event, SAA joined forces with the Campus Programming Committee to print t-shirts and cups and to share in CPC's experience in planning campus events.

"We tried to make it as close to the real Mardi Gras as possible."

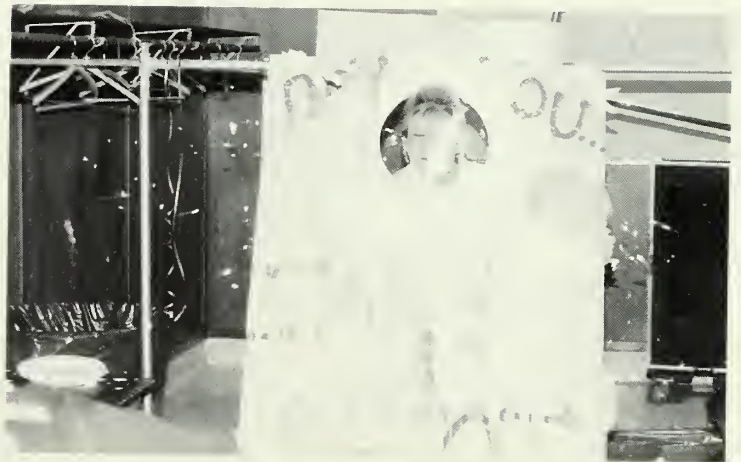
-Coordinator Anne Wilson

Fifteen campus organizations participated in Mardi Gras by sponsoring elaborately decorated booths with games ranging from pie throwing to black jack. Many of the booths offered nice prizes for the winners. SAA sponsored two booths themselves, mask making and a food booth. SAA also sponsored a booth decorating contest, which was won by Dance Theatre, and a contest for the best mask.

Highlighting the celebration were the three bands which played in Orr: Westminster's own Moped Victory Quartet, The McCoy Band, and Pittsburgh's The Clarks. Wilson said that Mardi Gras was a great success and will be back again next year and for years to come.

Gras





Special

When Spring arrives at Westminster, students and faculty alike begin to look forward to certain events that have become, in one case, or are becoming, in another, Westminster traditions. Of course these traditions are VolleyRock and Earth Day.

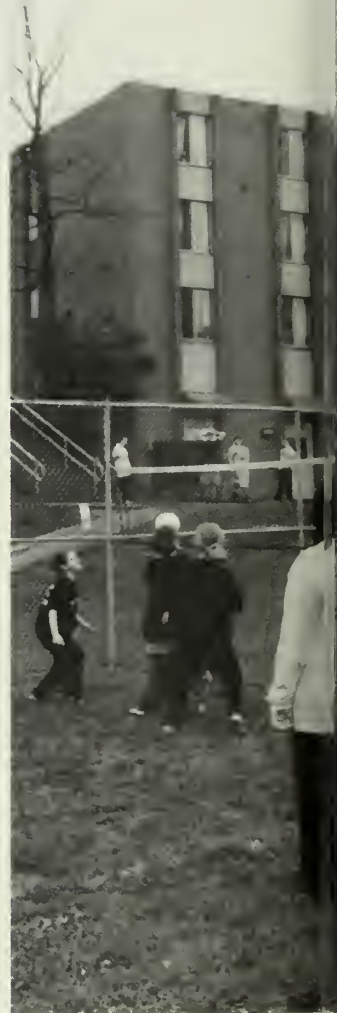
Westminster's annual campus volleyball tournament, VolleyRock, was an adventure as always, and students did not let the rain dampen their enthusiasm. Campus participation was huge this year. The SGA sponsored event features the single elimination tournament, Lube wings, snow cones, and music. This year's winning team was NWU: Jim Mathieu, Rich Regebski, Ryan Dunn, Steve Irvine, Theresa Hagg, and Jon Gandy.

This year's Earth Day celebration was held on April 18 from noon to 10pm by Lake Biltain in Anderson Amphitheater. To celebrate the day, SAUE, or Students in Action who Value the Environment, sponsored informational booths, canoe rides, vendors, and refreshments.

The day was highlighted by speakers, bands, and a special event in memorial of Becky Lyda. Speeches were given by Westminster professors Dr. Ann Throckmorton, Dr. Floyd Lehr, and Dr. Clarence Harns about the importance of conservation and preservation. Entertainment for the event was plentiful, with performances by such bands as Moped Victory Quartet, Flum, and Jay Murphy and the Jokers. In a bittersweet gesture, SAUE and President Williamson planted a tree in memory of senior Becky Lyda.

"We hope to increase student awareness about the environment and just to sponsor a fun Earth Day celebration."

Steve Davies, SAUE
President



Days



Relay

The Westminster community has always fostered the spirit of service and philanthropy in its students, and this year that spirit extended further than usual. Thanks to the organized efforts of the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi, Westminster College held its first Relay for Life walk-a-thon on the Barry Track behind the Field House.

Relay for Life is a 12 hour team event sponsored by the American Cancer Society designed to raise money to fight cancer. The Relay began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Filatt ran and walked on a local track for 24 hours, traveling 81 miles and raising \$27,000.

Members of teams of eight to twelve people walk or run constantly throughout the 12 hour period in order to earn donations and sponsorships which will help the Cancer Society fund programs of research, education, and patient services. Westminster's Relay was just one of hundreds taking place in different communities around the country during the Spring and Summer of 1998.

The walking began at 10am on Saturday, April 18. Many campus organizations participated, ranging from the fraternities and sororities to Beta Beta Beta. Throughout the day, entertainment, refreshments, and special events were featured. Music was provided by Westminster's Moped Victory Quartet. Special events included the cancer survivor victory walk and the lighting of luminaries in honor of those who have survived cancer and those who have not.

Westminster thanks the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi for initiating and organizing the event and hope to make the Relay a Spring tradition.

For Life

"It felt good to be able to help support such a worthwhile cause."





Going

When the weather finally became warm, every Greek on campus knew what time it was. Greek Week! The sororities and fraternities threw themselves into a week-long battle, along the way competing in events like Greek Fowl, kickball, 3-on-3 basketball, pool, soccer and mini-golf.

Wednesday provided relief for the competition-weary Greeks as they settled back to laugh and enjoy a different kind of beauty pageant, Sigma Kappa's Miss Titan contest. This year's beauties were as fair as ever, and Doc McTaggart was his usual self as MC. This year's winner was Theta Chi's Victor Lomax. Sigma Kappa sponsors the pageant to raise money for Alzheimer's disease research.

The culmination of the entire week came Saturday after each group presented their knowledge of the English language by performing to the sounds of their favorite verb.

Sing-A-Swing winners this year were Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Sigma Phi. Jamey Mentzer was crowned ZTA's Big Man On Campus, while the Greek Goddesses were tied between ZTA's Becky Richard and Phi Mu's Julie Monbeck and the Greek God was Jason Stragand. Alpha Sigma Phi was awarded the best overall pickup day award by IFC advisor Coach Renninger. This year's overall Greek Week champions were Alpha Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Tau.

The Greek community would like to thank this year's coordinators seniors Jon Jeffery and Rob Steiner and juniors Julie Bach and Brian Lima as well as their committee for planning such a successful Greek Week for this year.

Greek

"Greek Week gets your competitive juices going, but also helps Greeks interact in a fun and interesting way."





Last

When finals were over and all of the underclassmen had moved out for the summer, the Class of 1998 used the campus for one last week of activities, bonding and memory making.

Senior Week was kicked off with the President's Picnic, held in Duff Dining Hall due to the soggy weather. Seniors were greeted by President and Mrs. Williamson, then feasted on fruit salads, grilled steak and chicken, and brownies.

*Wednesday, the Class of 1998 took over the Gateway Clipper Fleet's Liberty Belle for an evening dinner cruise on the three rivers. The lights of Pittsburgh shined on as the seniors dined, drank, and danced the night away on the floating private party. Everyone looked forward to the annual outing to the Hot Rod Cafe, where students were treated to pizza and wings as we had the place all to ourselves for a few hours. After watching the historic final episode of *Seinfeld* on the big screens, seniors danced and karaoke'd 'til all hours.*

The weather could not have cooperated more for the senior trip to Cedar Point on Friday. Seniors took advantage of the early season's short lines by riding the roller coasters until our heads rattled. Rounding out the week was Saturday's Titan Twister on the quad in which participating seniors were reunited with their Fresh Start groups one last time.

Overall Senior Week provided us with some much needed relaxation and entertainment during the long week's wait for Graduation. But more importantly, it gave us the opportunity to make our final collegiate memories with the people we have shared the last four years.

"Senior Week gave us the opportunity to make our final collegiate memories with the people we have shared the last four years."



Days



Starting

For many of us, it signals the end of our formal education; for some only the end of our undergraduate careers. But for all of us, the Class of 1998, graduation celebrates our four years at Westminster with all the pomp and circumstance we deserve.

On Sunday, May 17, the sun shone bright and hot as the Westminster community gathered to honor the Class of 1998. Festivities began with the Baccalaureate service held in Our Auditorium. This year's guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Sider, spoke about taying the real thing in a changing world.

After the service, Marriott served a lovely barbecue for the community, allowing students and families to relax and enjoy the beautiful weather before Commencement. Hundreds of people strolled the campus grounds, many for the last time.

Commencement began with the graduating seniors marching through a gauntlet of faculty, past onlooking friends and family, ending finally with our long awaited seats on the Senior Terrace of Old Main. After the opening welcome and invocation, five honorary degrees were awarded including Becky A. Lyda, in memoriam. To honor the faculty, Drs. Gene Hill and Dick Hendry were named Professors Emeriti, and Dr. Warren Thichman was given the Distinguished Faculty Award. Jennifer Webb delivered the Senior Class remarks beautifully. Finally, each graduating senior was awarded their degree to culminate our Westminster careers.

It was a moving and special day for everyone, knowing that we were gathering as a class for the last time; but as new alumni, we reach for our futures confidently because we know that we have been prepared.

"Ever changing, yet ever the same, the College is a part of us and we of it."
President Williamson

Anew













Amazingly the passage of time has finally carried us to the end of our first year at Westminster College. We have survived our first midterms, finals, hangovers, and heartbreaks. We will never have to take Inquiry, wellness, writing, or speech ever again. We made new friends and formed friendships that will stay with us forever. Some of us have become members of fraternities or sororities, while some of us have chosen to remain independent. Either way, we have gained more life experience than we ever thought possible in only eight short months.

It seems that time magically sped up while we studied by day and partied by night. Looking back through my own perception, it seems like I have been here forever. But another part of me knows that time has passed so quickly and that it seems like only yesterday that we were all moving into our tiny rooms and wandering around campus without a clue as to where our next class was.

We have had many crazy experiences - some good, some bad - but no matter what happened, we all managed to learn from it and move on like real adults. True, we finally have one year under our belts, but we're not out of the woods yet. Upperclassmen tell us that it only gets harder as you move through, but there is no doubt that the class of 2001 will survive and go on to have another great year. Some of us will stay, and some of us will part. But we will always remember what it was like to be the young ones on campus. It will be interesting next year when we aren't the youngest anymore, when we are the ones the first-years look up to. We will succeed as sophomores at Westminster using the experiences that we gathered through the fastest yet longest year of our college careers.





I have reached the halfway mark of my college career; two years down, two to go. This year has brought about some changes in me. First of all, I have officially declared a major in psychology. Along with that, I have decided to pick up a minor in english.

Slowly but surely, I am learning how to handle criticism. This year has dealt my ego a severe blow. I understand that criticism is beneficial because it points out one's strengths and weaknesses. But, constantly having someone telling you that your work is garbage brings about harsh results. So this has prompted me to just grin and bear it.

Next year is going to bring about a whole new realm of responsibilities for me. I have been given the wonderful learning experience of becoming an RA. Aside from being in a position of power, I will also be my own student, learning things about myself that I might not have been aware of. This experience will teach me how to be a good leader, how to handle conflict, be more responsible, and how to be a role model for others.

I am looking forward to my junior year, but am also afraid of what the future holds.





Ahh! I'm almost a senior. According to the school's computers, I am already a senior and, I've let the advanced status go to my head. A premature case of senioritis is stealthily convincing me to procrastinate.

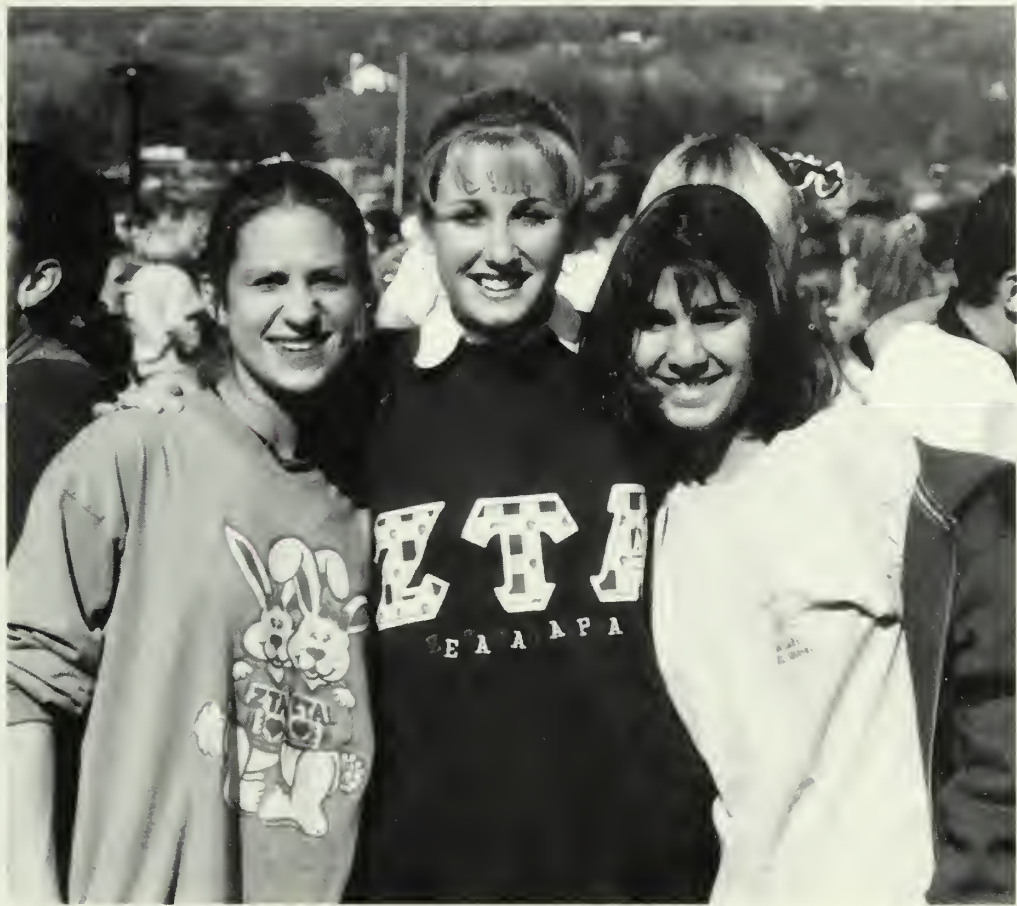
Luckily, I completed my Honors proposal before this nasty illness clouded my brain. The inspiration I was hoping for struck one night as I was battling insomnia. Fully awakened by my excitement, I brainstormed ideas concerning women's autobiography until I was exhausted but had a worthy topic.

I also completed my on-campus internship with the communication department. I proofread and fact checked brochures, articles, and other publications, as well as the Undergraduate Catalog. I also began an article on senior projects for the Spring 1999 issue of the Westminster Magazine. The internship served as a valuable tool for sharpening my research, writing, and communication skills, and I am grateful that the College has such an accessible internship program.

As my English major skills blossomed, so did my leadership skills. I became very involved in the Greek system and developed an appreciation for the way humans work and the importance of dedication, punctuality, and a firm hand. I can organize and run a meeting, handle tense emotional situations, serve as a hostess, and speak confidently in public, among other things.

I leave my junior year with satisfaction. I learned more than I ever thought I would, and not just because I now know Weber's theories on rationalization or where to find Leo in the sky. Even though I feel overwhelmed now, I can enter my senior year ready and eager for new challenges.





I now have almost four years of college behind me and about a zillion memories to carry around with me for the rest of my life. Soon I'll be an official alumni of Westminster College with the degree and the bill to prove it and I will venture out into the real world.

So, what now? I have been in school for sixteen out of my twenty-one years of life. Can I survive without sitting in a classroom? What will life be like when I don't have to study for a test or write a research paper? What happens when I no longer have grades to judge my progress in life?

I probably will not have time to really worry about that. Now I have to do all those wonderfully unexciting things that I have pleasantly taken for granted for the last twenty-one years, like buying soap and paying the cable bill. Eventually I will realize that nachos do not make for a substantial dinner, and some nights I will have to go to bed before two A/M if I want to even think about being coherent for work the next morning. Maybe I'll even yell at those kids down the block to stop throwing the ball too close to my car. Oh no, I'm going to turn into my parents!!

But then I have to think about not having to fight my roommate for the remote control and being able to get up on a Saturday morning whenever I feel like it without having to write that research paper; and I know that I will be okay in that real world that we all have heard so much about for so long.

Sure, I am very sad to be leaving Westminster, but I have also realized that it is now time to move on. The most important thing a senior can remember is that the real meaning of commencement is a beginning not an ending.





We came to Westminster this year with many questions, hopes, expectations; and as another year closes, some of us have more questions than answers. But each of us leaves the College, some for the summer, some forever, with a new sense of survival and a desire to persevere. We have survived change, loss, and another year.

First of all, we survived the change. We anxiously returned to Westminster anticipating the new curriculum and the new president. The curriculum finally got the road test it needed, and some bumps along the way helped to spotlight areas that needed improvement. The first year students were honest and critical in their evaluation of Inquiry, and their suggestions will be taken into account in the revisions for the coming year.

President Williamson proved himself to be loyal, dedicated, and approachable. We came to know and like our new president, and some of us proudly shook his hand upon receiving our diplomas.

We survived the loss of one of our own, who was taken from us tragically soon. We remember Becky Lyda for her beautiful soul, her warm heart, and her kind words, and we cherish the piece of her that we each hold in our hearts.

Finally, we survived another year. The first year students tasted that first sweet bit of freedom. The sophomores became old pros at this college thing and began taking their places in the College community. Juniors savored their final year of complete freedom, realizing the next would bring decisions that will mold their lives forever. And finally, the seniors spent their last year greedily tasting all the fruits of college life in order to better remember the best years of their lives.

Cliche'd though it may sound, this year was a roller coaster for all of us. We laughed, cried, loved, let go, studied, overslept, partied, and said our good-byes. And time marches on . . .





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